

On The Go

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Commission Meeting May 28, 2010

The Iowa Commission of Latino Affairs (ICLA) will hold a commission meeting on Friday, May 28th, 2010 from 1:00p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

The Division of Latino Affairs is legislatively mandated to promote and advocate for Iowa Latinos under Iowa Code Section 216A. 12.

For more information, please contact the Iowa Division of Latino Affairs at (515) 281-4080.

Location and agenda are still to be determined.



Chair's Corner

"The Latino Affairs Commission stands in support and in solidarity with Iowans asking for Immigration Reform. We believe that our federal Congress needs to act as soon as possible on fixing our broken immigration system. We urge the federal government to stop ICE raids that separate families and traumatize youngsters until they bring a much-needed reform. Latinos and all immigrants' contributions to the state of Iowa are multiple and we are committed towards their full integration into our society. To fulfill that commitment, we need Congress to have a humane and fair immigration system in place!"

Sandra Sanchez
ICLA Chair



May 1st Events in Iowa

- May Day Rally for Reform in Des Moines
Spanish Flyer
- Workers in Rebellion: A May Day Event in Iowa City

Grant Available for LULAC Councils

Ford Motor Company Fund Announces New Program to Help Latino Students Increase High School Graduation Rates

Grants of up to \$20,000 will be awarded to ten League of United Latin American Citizens councils to reduce the high school dropout rate among Latino students in the United States. Deadline: May 21, 2010

Upcoming Events:

- Planned Parenthood of the Heartland Annual Event, May 4
- Achievement Gap Community Conversation May 6, 5 - 8pm
- Women of Interest May 7, 7 - 8:30am
- Census 2010 Roundtable May 7, 10:30am - noon
- Latinos Unidos Scholarship Dinner May 8, 6 - 8pm
- LGBT Business Symposium May 10, 9:30am - 5pm
- HOLA Legal Clinic May 10, 5:30 - 7:30pm
- Conversation about Cancer in Latino Community May 11, 11:30am - 12:30pm
- Reducing Unintended Pregnancies in Iowa's Latino Population May 13, 10am - 4:30pm
- College 101 Seminar for Non-Traditional Students May 21, 9am - 3:30pm
- Latino Resource Fair May 22, 1 - 3pm

Educate Yourself:

- Why Don't They Come Legally? They Can't
- Washington Court: Immigration Status Inadmissible
- Workforce Fueled by Highly-Skilled Immigrants
- Harkin Bill Would Provide Relief for Education Jobs Being Cut Across Country
- Brewer Signs Immigration Bill into Law

Cinco de Mayo Activities

Monday, May 3, 2010 Shenandoah Hispanic Center Health Fair

Wednesday, May 5, 2010 HOLA Center Fundraiser

Saturday, May 8, 2010 Waterloo Celebration



Harkin Announces White House Nomination of Michael Bladel for Southern Iowa U.S. Marshal

WASHINGTON, D.C. – Senator Tom Harkin (D-IA) today announced that the White House has formally nominated Michael Bladel of Ankeny for U.S. Marshal for the Southern District of Iowa. Harkin made his recommendation for the nomination on July 22, 2009. The nomination will now be sent to the Senate Judiciary Committee for consideration before being approved by the full Senate.

“As a former Sheriff in Scott County and former Chief of Police in Davenport, Michael Bladel has significant management experience and excellent relationships with law enforcement throughout the state,” said Harkin. “Mr. Bladel has a deep appreciation for the integrity of the judicial system and how treatment of jurors, witnesses and other court personnel is essential to ensure the proper functioning of our federal courts and fair trials. I applaud the White House on this nomination and I wish him a speedy confirmation.”



For the complete press release, click [here](#).

Latino Statewide Conference - October 15 - 16, 2010 in Iowa City

The 12th Annual “**Strengthening and Valuing Latino/a Communities in Iowa**” conference will be held at The University of Iowa (Friday) and Iowa City West High School (Saturday). The conference theme is: **¡Latinos en Movimiento! A través del activismo, la educación y el arte/Latinos in Movement! Through Activism, Education and the Arts**. The following events will be included:

Friday, October 15, 2010: Latino Youth Leadership Development Summit in the Iowa Memorial Union, The University of Iowa

Friday, October 15, 2010: Latino Institute for Professional Development in the University Capitol Centre, The University of Iowa

Friday Evening, October 15, 2010: *¡Celebremos!: An Evening of Latino Performance Arts*, Second Floor Ballroom, Iowa Memorial Union, The University of Iowa

Saturday, October 16, 2010: Annual Statewide Iowa Latino Conference, West High School, Iowa City

Saturday, October 16, 2010: “Popo Puppet Festival and Shadow Puppet” community event, in partnership with the Iowa City Public Library.

The Iowa Latino Conference is coordinated by a statewide volunteer planning committee and administered by The University of Iowa School of Social Work. The statewide planning committee meets on the first Tuesday of each month, 3:30-5:00 p.m. (toll-free teleconference available). Subcommittees assist with the planning of specific events (e.g., the Latino Youth Leadership Development Summit, the Latino Institute, the arts/cultural thematic track).

If you would like to participate on the **2010 conference planning committee** or on a subcommittee, please send an email to Gabriela Rivera (gabriela-rivera@uiowa.edu) or Diane Finnerty (diane-finnerty@uiowa.edu), 2010 Conference Co-chairs. If you would like to **submit a proposal to present a workshop** or be a recognized **sponsor** of the conference, please see the 2010 Iowa Latino Conference website: www.iowalatinconference.org.

The Foreign Ministry Issues a Travel Alert for Mexicans Visiting, Residing or Studying in Arizona



Following the adoption in the state of Arizona of the “Support Our Law Enforcement and Safe Neighborhoods Act” (SB1070), the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Mexico makes the following recommendations to Mexican nationals who have scheduled trips to Arizona, reside or study in Arizona:

1. In recent days there has been public demonstration and protests in different cities against the decision of the Governor to sign the law. The events have always been peaceful. It is important to act with prudence and respect local laws.

To read the full press release, please click [here](#).

¡Vamos! Magazine Sends Iowans on an Online Scavenger Hunt

The hunt is on. Iowa State University's *¡Vamos!* magazine is sending Spanish-speaking Iowa teens and teachers on an online scavenger hunt to learn more about transit.

The school with the most correct answers will win a \$100 Amazon gift card. Twenty students and five teachers will also win t-shirts. The deadline for entering is **May 15, 2010**.

Participants will hunt through the current issue of *¡Vamos!* to find the answers to the following questions:

1. ¿Cuántos satélites utiliza un receptor de GPS para hallar su posición?
2. ¿Qué utiliza una compañía de ferrocarriles japonesa para derretir la nieve de las vías férreas?
3. ¿Cuántos artículos de este número utilizan la palabra “programa”?

Read the articles at www.go-explore-trans.org/index_sp.cfm.

About 300 Iowa Spanish, ESL, and ELL teachers in grades 7–12 in public schools were invited to play and to share the hunt with their students. (Non-students and non-school staff may participate on behalf of a particular school by visiting www.go-explore-trans.org/2010/feb/puzzle_dept_sp.cfm to submit their answers.)

Help Needed to Establish Multicultural Health Coalitions

Iowa Department of Public Health Office of Multicultural Health (OMH) and the University of Northern Iowa Center on Health Disparities (ICHHD) are working together to establish local public health regional multicultural health coalitions in Regions 2 & 5 in Iowa. The coalitions will be comprised of individuals who work with minorities, immigrants, refugees, and other underserved individuals in the health field, faith-based organizations, business, education, Department of Human Services, and other service agencies. According to the OMH 5-year strategic plan, the objective is to create a regional OMH presence and service delivery system in each IDPH local public health service region.

We are currently in the process of seeking out people who are interested in being a part of the coalition. The initial organization meeting will be facilitated by Janice Edmunds-Wells from OMH and Drs. Michele Devlin and Mark Grey from UNI's ICHHD. The meeting dates are as follows:

Region 2: May 13, 1:30-3:30 in Mason City

Region 5: May 11, 10-12 in Muscatine; and 2-4 in Ottumwa.

Please click [here](#) to view a list of the counties located in each region.

For more information, please contact [Janice Edmunds-Wells](#) at 515-281-4904.

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Iowa Division of Latino Affairs: On the Go newsletter is sent monthly with up-to-date information on the agency, activities and upcoming events to keep our constituents informed. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact us.

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Classes Offered

- Clases de Nutrición en Español in Des Moines
- Domestic and Family Violence Awareness Classes in Waterloo
- Adult English Language Learners Classes offered at Carver Community School in Des Moines
- Spanish Parenting Classes in Des Moines
- New Iowan Center in Des Moines (Free Classes in Spanish)
Each computer class will last 2 days and a new class will start every week. On Wednesdays we will teach the basics for getting on the internet, searching for jobs, and opening an email account. On Thursdays we will use Word to create a resume.

Be Prepared for Census Taker Visits Beginning May 1st

- Census 2010 Door-to-Door Phase
- What is a Census taker? Open your home to a census taker and open the doors for your community.
- Comó prepararse para la visita del empleado del censo

Congrats Lieutenant Joe Gonzalez

Sergeant Joe Gonzalez with the Des Moines Police Department was promoted on April 5, 2010 to Lieutenant. We thank him for his hard work and dedication to serving our community.



Aprenda Como Manejar Su Enfermedad Crónica

Empezando el 5 de mayo, el Departamento de Salud del Condado de Polk estará conduciendo el taller Tomando Control de su Salud (Iowa Healthy Links). El taller será los miércoles, de los 9:30am a las 12 del día cada semana por 6 semanas en Polk County Senior Services (1914 Carpenter Ave).

El programa Tomando Control de su Salud es un programa basado en evidencia científica. El programa está diseñado para enseñar a adultos como manejar eficazmente enfermedades tales como diabetes, enfermedades del corazón, artritis, presión arterial alta, asma, dolor crónico, y ansiedad. Este taller también ayudará a los participantes a sentirse seguros de sí mismo, comunicarse efectivamente con familiares, mejorar y mantener fortaleza física y flexibilidad y usar apropiadamente los medicamentos.

La coordinadora del programa, Tammy Keiter dijo "Este programa ha cambiado muchas vidas en la comunidad y nos esforzamos en cada taller para tener el mismo resultado positive."

Costo: \$20.00 (comprométase a asistir todas las seis sesiones).

Para registrarse al taller Tomando Control de su Salud o para mayor información contacte a Ana Coppola al (515) 323-5227 o visite www.polkcountyiowa.gov/health.

Scholarships

- Hope Initiative Scholarship Program Scholarships of \$1,500 each to students between the ages of 17 and 25 who demonstrate exemplary dedication to service in their communities. Deadline Application: May 1, 2010
- Greater Iowa Community Credit Union Scholarship A \$500 scholarship awarded at the Latino Heritage Festival in September for Latino students. Deadline Application: May 28, 2010
- Latino Heritage Festival Scholarship Any qualified Latino senior who is planning on attending a college or university can submit an application. Application Deadline: May 30, 2010
- Helping Students Navigate the Path to College: What High Schools Can Do (IES Practice Guide)

For Teachers: Teaching Tolerance

- Arizona Legalizes Racial Profiling
- Teaching Tolerance: Racial Profiling Lesson